

MINUTES OF THE
TOWNSHIP OF SCHAUMBURG – BOARD OF TRUSTEES
STATE OF ILLINOIS
Cook County
Town of Schaumburg

THE BOARD OF TOWN TRUSTEES met at the office of the Town Clerk located at One Illinois Boulevard, Hoffman Estates, IL 60169-3314 on April 23, 2025.

Officials Present:

Timothy M. Heneghan
W. Robert Vinnedge
Robert N. Fiorio
Demetrius J. Gibson
Lauren Saternus
Matthew J. Steward
Scott Kegarise

Supervisor
Clerk (Excused Absence)
Trustee (Late – 7:52pm)
Trustee
Trustee
Trustee
Highway Commissioner

The following business was transacted.

Supervisor Heneghan called to order the Regular Board of Trustees Meeting at 7:00 p.m. and the Pledge of Allegiance followed.

Deputy Clerk Williams called the roll.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Mary Wroblewski spoke to thank both the Clerk and the Highway Commissioner on all the work they have done for the Township over many years. Prior Township Supervisor Wroblewski commented on prior Trustees that worked together with both the Clerk and the Highway Commissioner.
- Bobby Sloan commented that she too thanks both officials and wished the new team luck.
- Trustee Steward stated his admiration for the Township having been born and raised in Schaumburg. He stated that Melissa Williams is the right person as Administrator and the Directors in place are all the best fit.
- Trustee Saternus thanked the voters, staff that come with commitment and compassion daily, fellow Trustee's and Supervisor Heneghan, the Mental Health Board and the newly elected officials.
- Trustee Gibson thanked both Trustee Saternus and Trustee Stewart, felt they all accomplished a lot together and will continue with the new board. Special thanks to the staff that are the boots on the ground and do the hard work. Administrator Williams and the Directors are a great leadership team to make sure things run smoothly.
- Supervisor Heneghan noted, as Mary Wroblewski noted, prior Trustee Tasini was a great example and an important part of our past. It's been a great 4 years and he wishes everyone the best.

PRESENTATION

- Supervisor Heneghan presented a Proclamation acknowledging the Township of Schaumburg 175th Anniversary.

- Supervisor Heneghan presented a Proclamation acknowledging the retirement of the Township of Schaumburg Clerk W. Robert Vinnedge. Clerk Vinnedge was called, and he thanked everyone for the acknowledgement. He is proud of the work he has done.
- Supervisor Heneghan presented a Proclamation acknowledging the years of service of the Township of Schaumburg Road Commissioner Scott Kegarise.
- Dr. Sean Bailey was not able to attend due to airline delays.

MINUTES

Motioned by Trustee Stewart and seconded by Trustee Saturnus to approve the minutes of March 26, 2025, Regular Board Meeting of the Board. Roll Call: Trustee Fiorio-Absent, Trustee Gibson-Aye, Trustee Saturnus-Aye, Trustee Stewart-Aye, Supervisor Heneghan-Aye. Ayes-4, Absent – 1, Nays-0. **Motion carried.**

DEPARTMENT/COMMITTEE/APPOINTING AUTHORITY REPORTS

KENNETH YOUNG CENTER

- I'm excited to share KYC has named our new President and CEO, Maurice D. Ware. Maurice joined our team on April 7th and has quickly hit the ground running to support our mission. His career has been focused in the behavioral health space, serving nonprofits in multiple states before coming to KYC. We'll have a public meet and greet at our 5K on May 17th in Busse Woods and more information is available about his experience on our website at kennethyoung.org.
- Tomorrow, Thursday, April 24th we'll be hosting a sober springtime event at our Elk Grove office for adults in recovery who are over 18 years old. Join us from 5-7pm for social activities, gardening, and games. Registration is available on our website.
- Saturday is Drug Takeback Day, a national initiative to prevent drug misuse, abuse, and improper disposal. Please take this opportunity to check prescription medications that you and your family may have and dispose of expired or no longer needed medications at safe disposal sites, including here at the Township! This initiative is a critical way to ensure medications remain safely used and prevents misuse.
- May is Mental Health Month and Older Americans Month, so to celebrate, we have a number of events coming up that we'd love for you to attend!
- Friday, May 2nd we'll be hosting a mindfulness event at our 650 Algonquin Road, Schaumburg Office. Join us from 6-7pm for mental health resources, a drum circle, light refreshments, individual and group art, meditation, and more! This event is offered at no cost, but registration is required. Please visit our website for more information.
- Saturday, May 10th we'll have a Meditation for Mental Health 90-minute yoga session and practice as we learn about taking steps to support mental and physical wellness. Registration is required for this morning event and available through our website, but we hope to see you at our Algonquin Road office in Schaumburg from 10am-noon on May 10th.
- Lastly, KYC's biggest event of the year is our Hustle of Health 5K Run/Walk on May 17th! Join us in Busse Woods for this no-cost fundraiser to support KYC's service throughout the year as we aim to raise \$100,000 for our programs and services. We'll have individual and team prizes, free snacks and resources, and a wonderful day to connect and celebrate the work we do in partnership with the Township and across our community. All are welcome!
- Written report on file.

DIVERSITY, EQUITY, & INCLUSION COMMITTEE

- The Committee is working on the Juneteenth event.
- Discussion on partnering with local agencies in DE&I
- The Committee is working in collaboration with High School District 211 leadership team.

MENTAL HEALTH BOARD

- Minds Matter will be held Saturday, May 17th, 1:00 – 3:00 at the Schaumburg Township District Library (130 S Roselle Rd, Schaumburg).
- The MHB wrapped up its first funding year in FY25. There were 24 agencies that received \$1,192,294 in grant funds to provide services for mental health, substance use, and intellectual/developmental disabilities. That funding supported 434,951.5 hours of service provided to 4,280 residents.
- The breakdown of services is as follows:
 - 17 agencies provided services for mental health and substance use disorders – they served a total of 2,541 residents, who received a total of 31,520.38 hours of service.
 - 7 agencies provided IDD services – they served 1,739 residents, who received a total of 403,431 hours of service (this includes day programming hours).
- Written report on file.

DISABILITY & SENIOR SERVICES DEPARTMENT

- This past month DSS hosted our annual Bunny Brunch at Chandler's on April 5. Over 80 people attended and enjoyed breakfast, some games and activities, and most of all, unlimited access to the Easter Bunny. This event continues to grow year after year and is becoming one of our signature events for children with disabilities and their families. The feedback received from families indicates that having events like this in the community that allow their children to experience "normal" activities in a setting where they can be 100% themselves without worry of judgement. We received the following note from a mom following this year's event:
"To all organizers and administrators of the Disability department at Schaumburg Township: I will love to express my gratitude for this kind of activities. Being a parent for kids with different abilities is not always easy to feel included and accepted. My child suffered from severe anxiety, and this was the perfect setting for him to participate, enjoy and make new friends. Thanks for always organizing activities like this one with our kids in mind. Sincerely, Bentancourt Daa & Ortiz Gutierrez."
- Tax season is officially over, and AARP Tax Aide was a resounding success. This year, volunteers interacted with 566 taxpayers filing returns for Tax Years 2021, 2022, 2023 and 2024. For taxpayers filing for Tax Year 2024, AARP helped taxpayers received \$435,103 in Federal Refunds and \$60,600 in State Refunds. We're grateful for the work of all the volunteer preparers and look forward to working with them again next year.
- Director Cordes provided an update regarding the Transportation Access Pilot Program (TAPP). This week, Executive Director Hobson-Robb and I were informed by On the Go they were closing their call center effective June 15 and cancelling their contract with us. While this is a setback to our program, we have chosen to look at this as a blessing in that we were just completing our onboarding process and had not scheduled any clients for rides yet. On the Go is providing a full refund of the setup fee and deposit, which should arrive in the coming weeks. Agencies approved for funding have been notified. Quinette and I are working on Plan B and will have an update next month.
- Written report on file.

TRANSPORTATION

- Transportation provided four out of town trips this month for our senior dept.
- One trip this month for the Barn seniors going to White Fence Farm.
- Transportation had a visit from Wheeling Township to check out our Ecolane system to learn how it works. They are looking to purchase this system for their Township. So, they send one of their dispatchers to learn about it and send him out with one of our drivers to see how it works on thar end with the tablets.
- Jeannette from Encore Village asked if we could go over to register some of their seniors because their bus broke down. on the 16th. Dispatcher Youngs and Manager Maldonado went, registered about 15 seniors and left some forms for others to register in the future.
- Our new employee, Cassandra Jacobo is doing well, with her previous experience, she has caught on quickly.
- Our electric infrastructure is about all done except waiting for the transformer to arrive. At that point Com Ed could install it and do all the wiring. Landscaping will be the last thing to do for the space.
- Written report on file.

WELFARE SERVICES DEPARTMENT

- Written report on file.

COMMUNITY RELATIONS DEPARTMENT

- Director Trent highlights some of the FY25 social media figures from the annual report:
 - Increased Reach and followers on social media:
 - Facebook reach increased 155%
 - Instagram reach increased 486%
 - Instagram followers increased 106%
 - Instagram profile visits increased 117%
- Written report on file.

ASSESSORS DEPARTMENT

- We've been welcoming our seniors back to our office since March and this month as many of our kind seniors have been coming in to renew their Senior Freeze property exemption.
- The Exemption Filing Period has recently ended on Monday, April 21st, and we will be starting with the Certificate of Error application process beginning in May.
- For example, as of last Friday, we filed 845 applications simply for Senior Freeze Renewal Applications.
- Additionally, we have filed for first-time applicants, Seniors, (non-renewals); 227 applications for our young residents born in 1959.
- Cook County Assessor Kaegi is seeking to pass his property tax relief legislation called the "The Circuit Breaker Property Tax Relief Act", for hard-hit homeowners. The legislation seeks to help homeowners who have seen their tax bills spike by **25% or more** from one year to the next. Credits given to homeowners would cover up to half of the tax bill increase. The need for property tax relief became urgent after homeowners in Cook County's saw significant bill increases in the summer of 2024. The typical residential bill increased by nearly 20%, or about \$1,000, according to an analysis from the Cook County Treasurer's Office.
- Lastly, we have also been keeping a close eye to see if the Legislature will agree to increase the threshold (currently at \$65,000) for our Senior Freeze recipients. *Many of our seniors are hoping they increase the amount so that they can qualify for the program next year. The governor has indicated that he would sign the bill into law should both chambers (in the

House and Senate) come into agreement on the 'proper amount.' However, with only 38 days left before the legislative session concludes, we are hopeful!

- Written Report is on file.

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES/ CLERK'S REPORT

- The team recently worked through 2 weeks of spring break with an overwhelming number of families in to obtain passports.
- Facilities Manager Rees and Director Dionesotes are working with the lighting team for the new space, adding dimmer switches to accommodate classes such as yoga and meditation.
- Our Flag Take Back box is already better than half full and we have not yet had the opportunity to promote it on social media.
- Written report on file.

HIGHWAY COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

- Commissioner Kegarise noted that he has done over 200 of these reports over the years. Reporting to the board is not required, but he felt it was worth it.
- Both the Commissioner and his wife will be speaking at the June conference on parliamentary procedures.
- The Commissioner suggests we all continue to be advocating for Townships, they are needed.
- Thank you to the Road District staff, the Administration team, it has been the Commissioners' pleasure to work together.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

- Supervisor Heneghan wanted to thank the Sheriff's department who sent approximately 30 officers with food for the pantry.
- The Supervisor thanked Trustee Saturnus and Trustee Stewart for their work in the past 4 years, and he welcomed the new board which will be sworn in on May 19th.

FINANCIAL REPORT

- Financials are in good standing for the start of the year, trending on budget.
- Trustee Saturnus pointed out an error on the Mental Health Board reports. The accounting team stated that it will be corrected.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

- Administrator Williams noted the EV infrastructure is on schedule, all dependent on ComEd at this point.
- She noted a thank you to Director Trent in working with her on an "onboarding" SOP.
- Working with MTA keeping track of Legislation affecting Townships
- The Township team is working toward knowledge for programing and best support of the new space and technology.

OLD BUSINESS

- Discussion of current vendors and any recommendations for the incoming Board.
 - Supervisor Heneghan stated that discussions on vendors will be part of onboarding the new board.
- Discussion of changes to 2022 Ordinance Establishing Responsible Bidder Requirements on Public Works Projects.
 - Trustee Stewart stated that he felt the changes were needed for a variety of reasons and hopes the new ordinance will pass.

NEW BUSINESS

Moved by Trustee Stewart and seconded by Trustee Fiorio to approve Resolution 2025-2026 # 2, a Resolution to Include Compensation Paid Under and IRC Section 125 Plan as IMRF Earnings. Roll Call: Trustee Fiorio-Aye, Trustee Gibson-Aye, Trustee Saternus-Aye, Trustee Stewart-Aye, Supervisor Heneghan-Aye. Ayes-5, Absent – 0, Nays-0. **Motion carried.**

Moved by Trustee Stewart and seconded by Trustee Fiorio to approve Ordinance 2025-2026 #1, a Revision to Ordinance 2022-2023 #1, an Ordinance Establishing Responsible Bidder Requirements on Public Works Projects. Roll Call: Trustee Fiorio-Aye, Trustee Gibson-Aye, Trustee Saternus-Aye, Trustee Stewart-Aye, Supervisor Heneghan-Aye. Ayes-5, Absent – 0, Nays-0. **Motion carried.**

Moved by Trustee Saternus and seconded by Trustee Stewart to approve hiring Cassandra Jacobo to the position of Dispatcher / Bus Driver, Cassandra's hire date is March 3, 2025, and Emily Amponin to the position of Deaf Services Program Specialist, Emily's hire date is March 24, 2025, and Michael Gust to the position of Part Time Security Guard. Mikes's hire date is April 22, 2025. Roll Call: Trustee Fiorio-Aye, Trustee Gibson-Aye, Trustee Saternus-Aye, Trustee Stewart-Aye, Supervisor Heneghan-Aye. Ayes-5, Absent – 0, Nays-0. **Motion carried.**

Moved by Trustee Stewart and seconded by Trustee Saternus to approve the transition from the Township's current law firm of Durkin, Storino, and Ramello to the law firm of Airdo and Werwas. Roll Call: Trustee Fiorio-Aye, Trustee Gibson-Aye, Trustee Saternus-Aye, Trustee Stewart-Aye, Supervisor Heneghan-Aye. Ayes-5, Absent – 0, Nays-0. **Motion carried.**

APPROVAL OF BILLS

Moved by Trustee Saternus and seconded by Trustee Stewart to approve Town Fund Warrant 2025-2026 #2 In the amount of 422,851.11. Roll Call: Trustee Fiorio-Aye, Trustee Gibson-Aye, Trustee Saternus-Aye, Trustee Stewart-Aye, Supervisor Heneghan-Aye. Ayes-5, Absent – 0, Nays-0. **Motion carried.**

Moved by Trustee Stewart and seconded by Trustee Saternus to approve Road & Bridge Warrant 2025-2026 #2 the amount of \$21,189.74. Roll Call: Trustee Fiorio-Aye, Trustee Gibson-Aye, Trustee Saternus-Aye, Trustee Stewart-Aye, Supervisor Heneghan-Aye. Ayes-5, Absent – 0, Nays-0. **Motion carried.**

Moved by Trustee Fiorio and seconded by Trustee Stewart to approve Welfare Services Warrant 2025-2026 #2 in the amount of \$52,047.31. Roll Call: Trustee Fiorio-Aye, Trustee Gibson-Aye, Trustee Saternus-Aye, Trustee Stewart-Aye, Supervisor Heneghan-Aye. Ayes-5, Absent – 0, Nays-0. **Motion carried.**

Moved by Trustee Saternus and seconded by Trustee Stewart to approve Capital Fund Warrant 2025-2026 #2 in the amount of \$28,588.00. Roll Call: Trustee Fiorio-Aye, Trustee Gibson-Aye, Trustee Saternus-Aye, Trustee Stewart-Aye, Supervisor Heneghan-Aye. Ayes-5, Absent – 0, Nays-0. **Motion carried.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

May 19, 2025 – Swearing in of Elected Officials for the New Term, 6:30 PM Town Hall

May 21, 2025 – Committee of the Whole Meeting, 7PM Town Hall

May 26, 2025 – Township Closed, Memorial Day

May 28, 2025 - Regular Board of Trustees Meeting, 7PM Town Hall

June 7, 2025 – Community Shred Event 8AM – 11AM

June 18, 2025 - Committee of the Whole, 7PM Town Hall

June 19, 2025 - Township Closed for Juneteenth

June 21, 2025- Juneteenth in the Burbs, Harper College Pavillion

June 25, 2025 - Regular Board of Trustees Meeting, 7PM Town Hall

July 4, 2025 – Township Closed, Independence Day

SUPERVISOR AND TRUSTEE COMMENTS

- Supervisor Heneghan noted the good relations between Senator Murphy and State Representative Crespo. May 3rd, there will be a meeting with both at Hanover Township.
- Supervisor Heneghan will be out of town on May 10th, the date of onboarding the new board.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Moved by Trustee Steward and seconded by Trustee Sternus to go into Executive Session at 8:35 p.m Pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(21) Discussion of minutes of meetings lawfully closed under this Act, whether for purposes of approval by the body of the minutes or semi-annual review of the minutes as mandated by Section 2.06. Roll Call: Trustee Fiorio-Aye, Trustee Gibson-Aye, Trustee Saturnus-Aye, Trustee Steward-Aye, Supervisor Heneghan-Aye. Ayes-5, Absent – 0, Nays-0.

Motion carried.

Moved to return to open session at 8:55p.m. by Trustee Saturnus and seconded by Trustee Fiorio Roll Call: Trustee Fiorio-Aye, Trustee Gibson-Aye, Trustee Saturnus-Aye, Trustee Steward-Aye, Supervisor Heneghan-Aye. Ayes-5, Absent – 0, Nays-0. **Motion carried.**

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Trustee Saturnus moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:56p.m. and Trustee Fiorio seconded the motion. Roll Call: Trustee Fiorio-Aye, Trustee Gibson-Aye, Trustee Saturnus-Aye, Trustee Steward-Nay, Supervisor Heneghan-Aye. Ayes-4, Absent – 0, Nays-1. **Motion carried.**

APPROVAL CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify the approval of the forgoing Minutes of the Township of Schaumburg.

Kathleen Noel Reed

Clerk

Date May 28, 2025